

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **ANIMATED VIDEO ABOUT MICHIGAN COURT SYSTEM TO PREMIERE ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT LEARNING CENTER**

LANSING, MI, September 27, 2006 – Move over, Tom Cruise and Angelina Jolie – there are new stars about to make their movie debut. But these emerging screen idols won't demand a cut of the profits or their own trailers, and they don't need makeup. They're characters in an animated short about the Michigan court system, which will be shown for the first time at a "premiere" on September 29 at the Michigan Hall of Justice.

The "stars" of "The Adventures of Kid Justice" -- Lady Justice, Kid Justice, and Kid Liberty -- will introduce the Michigan court system to visitors at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center. The video, which will be shown at the beginning of Learning Center tours, was developed with the Learning Center's elementary school visitors in mind, explained Learning Center Coordinator Rachael Drenovsky.

"We want to present important information about the courts in a format that is engaging to students, since they are the majority of our visitors," Drenovsky said. The video highlights topics that are discussed not only in the Learning Center, but also in the classroom as part of the Michigan Curriculum Framework's social studies standards for later elementary, she said.

The video presentation is part of a joint project between the Learning Center and Ferris State University's Digital Animation and Game Design Program. Legal experts and educators collaborated with professors and students to create the animated video and a companion online game, "Kid Justice Conquers Chaos," which was funded by a grant from the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

The premiere will be part of a special program for elementary students in the Learning Center, which is located on the first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing. The program begins at 12:45 p.m. In addition to the video, the program features Hon. Michael F. Cavanagh, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, and Michael G. Harrison, a trustee of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Attendees will tour the Learning Center and pose for photos with Kid Justice and Kid Liberty, two of the video's animated characters. Fourth-grade students from Bath Elementary School will attend the program.

Visit <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/plc/KidJustice/index.htm> for more information about the online video game, "Kid Justice Conquers Chaos."

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